



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

[Docket No. BOEM-2022-0064]

Notice of Availability of the Proposed Notice of Sale for Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf Region-wide Oil and Gas Lease Sale 259

AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) announces the availability of the Proposed Notice of Sale (NOS) for the proposed Gulf of Mexico (GOM) Region-wide Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Lease Sale 259 (GOM Lease Sale 259). GOM Lease Sale 259 is required to be held by the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. BOEM is publishing this notice pursuant to its regulatory authority.

Regarding oil and gas leasing on the OCS, the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to section 19 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, provides governors of affected states and the executive of any affected local government the opportunity to review and comment on the Proposed NOS. The Proposed NOS describes the proposed size, timing, and location of the sale, including lease stipulations, terms and conditions, minimum bids, royalty rates, and rental rates.

DATES: Governors of affected states and the executive of any affected local government may comment on the size, timing, and location of proposed GOM Lease Sale 259 within 60 days following their receipt of the Proposed NOS. BOEM will publish the Final NOS in the *Federal Register* at least 30 days prior to the date of bid opening. Bid opening is currently scheduled for March 29, 2023.

ADDRESSES: The Proposed NOS for GOM Lease Sale 259 and Proposed NOS Package containing information essential to potential bidders may be obtained from the

Public Information Unit, Gulf of Mexico Region, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70123-2394; telephone: (504) 736-2519. The Proposed NOS and Proposed NOS Package also are available for downloading or viewing on BOEM's website at <http://www.boem.gov/Sale-259/>.

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Authority: This notice of sale is published pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.* (Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, as amended) and 30 CFR 556.304(c).

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